Singapore, Canada, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

United Bank of India Officers Association

1814. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Officers' organisation named United Bank of India Officers Organisation was formed in Calcutta on the 1st January, 1990 and was registered on the 21st March, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the President and General Secretary of the said organisation have been subjected to harrassment e.g. frequent transfer, and delay in payment of salary etc; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) United Bank of India has informed that a new Officers Organisation named United Bank of India Officers Organisation was formed on 1-1-1990 and registered on 21-3-1990 under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926 by the Registrar of Trade Unions West Bengal.

(c) The Bank has denied the charges. The President and the General Secretary of the Association were transferred strictly in terms of their seniority and Bank's norms applicable to the Officers in the Bank.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Pesticides to Far Eastern Countries

1815. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a vast scope for export of pesticides to Far Eastern countries; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Exports of pesticides from India to Far Eastern countries have grown steadily in recent years. The scope for achieving quantum increases in exports is, however, somewhat limited because of the domestic production base in some of these countries, the tendency to reduce use of pesticides due to environmental considerations and competition from multinational companies. The Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), Bombay, is taking several export promotional measures, including fielding a delegation from the pesticides industry to study the market trends and establish business contracts.

Foreign Exchange Earning through sales to Nepal and Bhutan

1816. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sales to Nepal and Bhutan be considered as foreign exchange earnings; and

(b) whether imports from these countries be considerd as foreign exchange outgo?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) All trade transactions between India and Nepal and between India and Bhutan are governed by the Trade and Transit Agreements existing

between India and these countries. All payments made to and received from these countries for imports/exports are made in Indian rupees only, except where the cost of such imports/exports are financed by means of grants/loans granted by the World Bank, IBRD etc. which are payable/receivable in foreign exchanges.

Export of Engineering Goods From southern States

1817. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Export Promotion Council of Southern Region has urged Government to ensure a timely disbursement of incentives in the context of increase in engineering exports from the Southern States to the tune of 55 crores and increase of 53 per cent over the last year; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to help the exporters of engineering goods from Southern States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) No, Sir, However, Engineering Export Promotion Council have been generally representing for timely reimbursement of claims under International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS), in respect of engineering exports from the country.

(b) Government have been taking all steps necessary to help exporters of engineering goods from the country, including exporters from the Southern States, to get incentives due to them under the provisions of Export-Import Policy and IPRS promptly.

1818. [Transferred to 27th August, 1990]

Export of Goods to Nepal and Bhutan by Nestles

1819. SHRI ASHIS SEN : SHRI DIPIN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was Nestle's sales to Nepal and Bhutan during 1979 and the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof ;

(b) what is the meaning of exports through company's customers and Indian Coffee Board; and

(c) whether these exports through company's customers and Indian Coffee Board can be considered as foreign exchange earnings by Nestles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) As per the information furnished by M/s. Nestles India Limited, their exports to Nepal and Bhutan during 1989 were as follows :

Sales to Nepal— Rs. 44.05 million

Sales to Bhutan— Rs. 14.13 million

Normally such exports to Nepal and Bhutan are paid for in Rupees.

(b) and (c) M/s. Nestles India Limited make available their manufacturing capacity for the manufacture of certain items against export orders negotiated by Indian Coffee Board or certain other Indian exporters. Foreign exchange earnings from such exports go to the credit of the Board of the concerned exporters and not to the credit of M/s. Nestles India Limited.